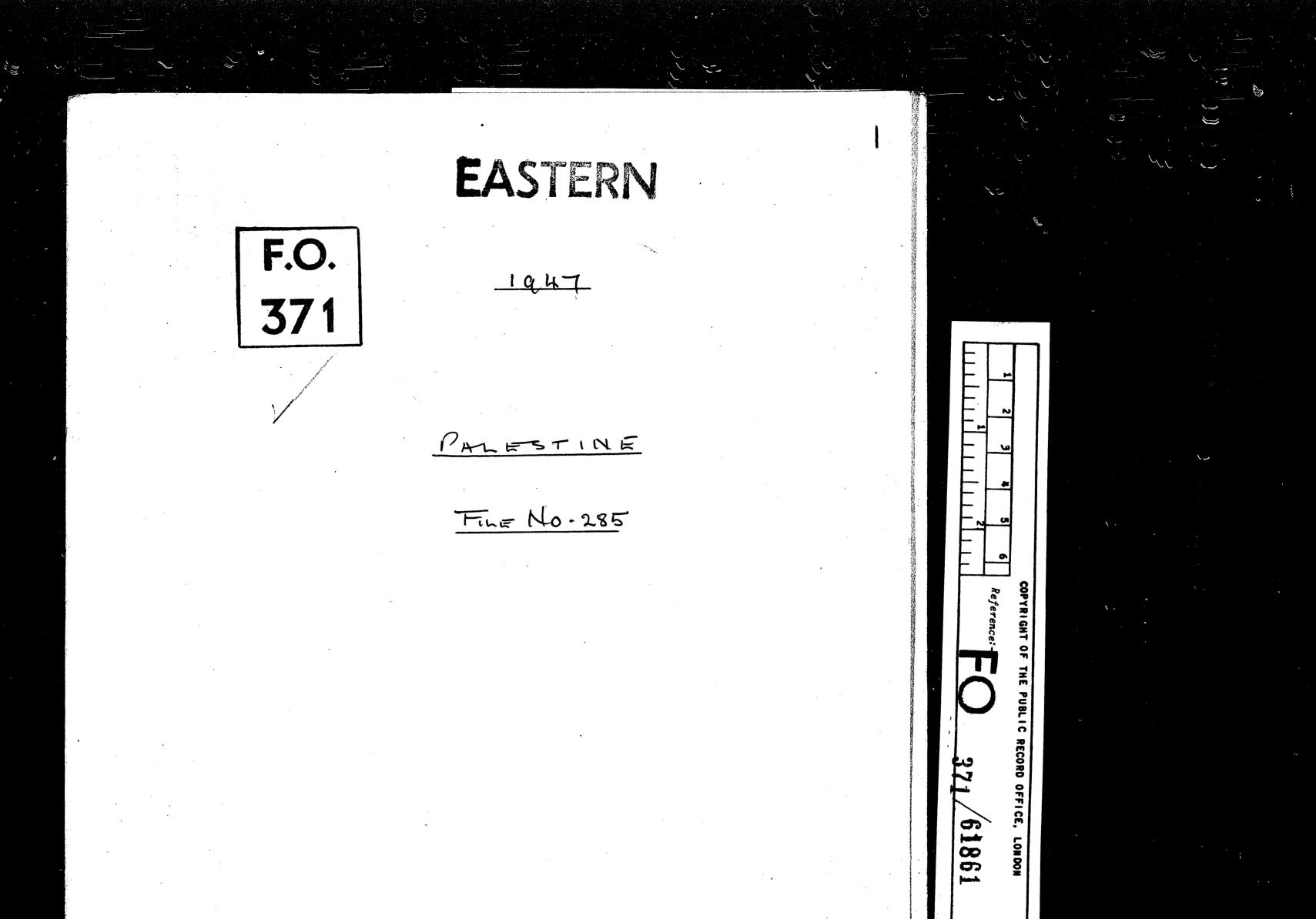
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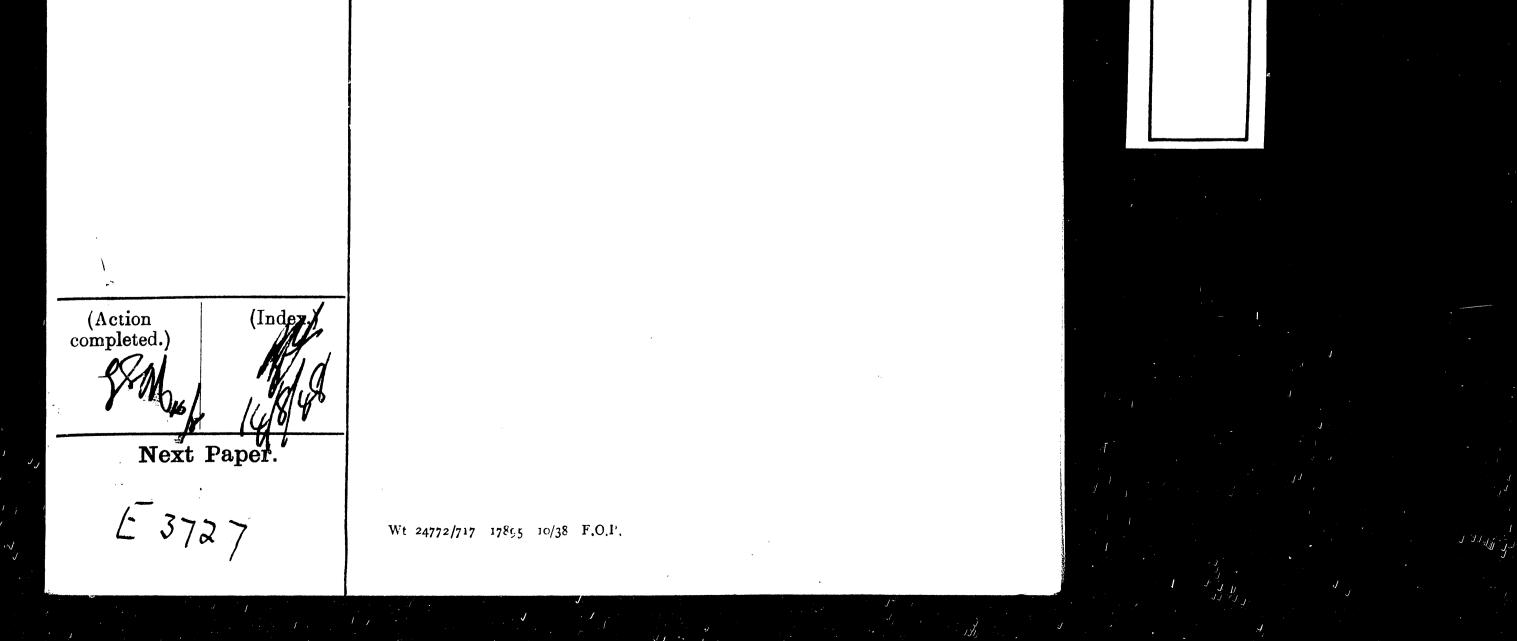
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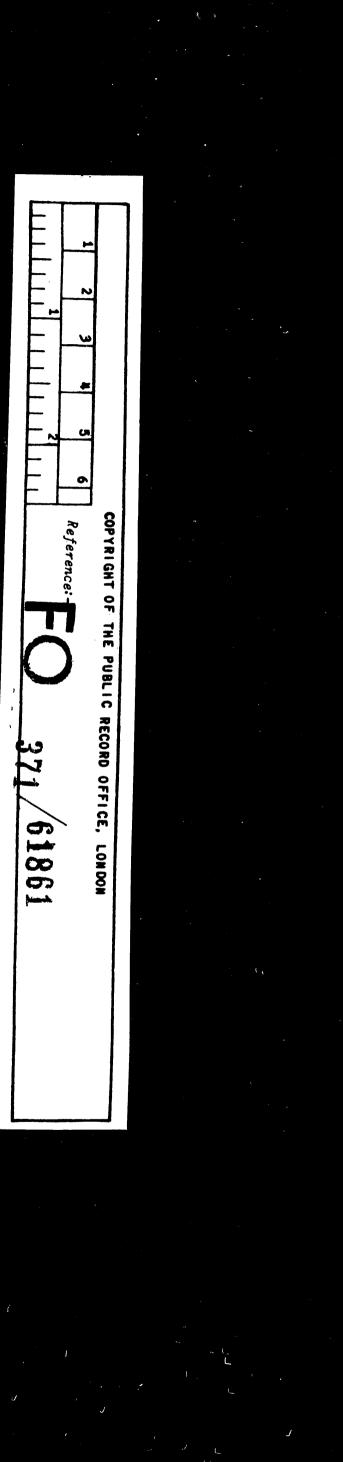
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Addressed to H.M. Ambassador, Moscow, No. 592. Repeated to S. of S. (please pass to Moscow as my No. 592)

I have received a report that Ivan Karpoff Commissionar for Religious Affairs, is expected to visit Palestine in the near future. Ostensible object of the visit is connected with Russian ecclesiastical properties.

2. I shall be glad of confirmation of this report as I should like as long notice as possible of the proposed visit.

(Copies to Foreign Office for repetition to Moscow).



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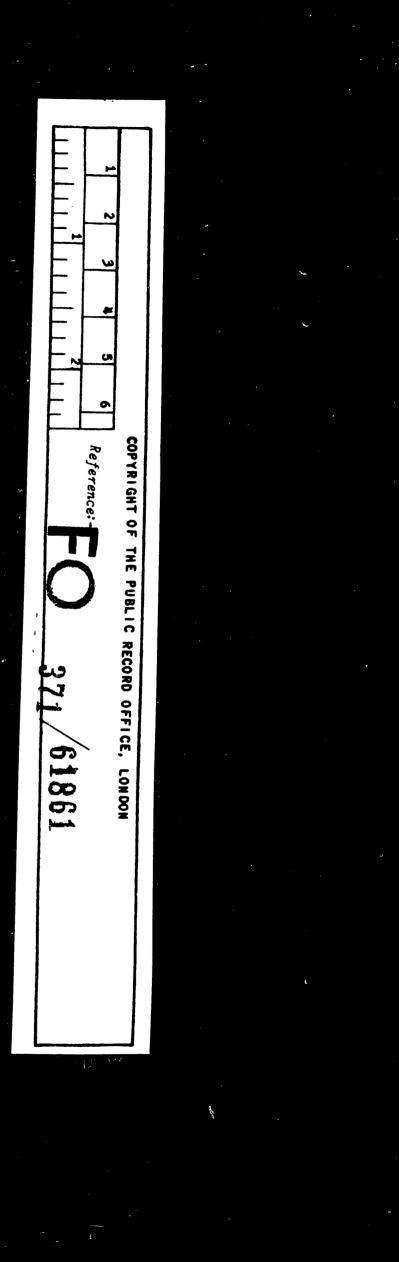
1. I cannot confirm and do not wish to ask Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. I shall let you know if and when Karpnhv[sic] applies for a visa which may be delayed if necessary.

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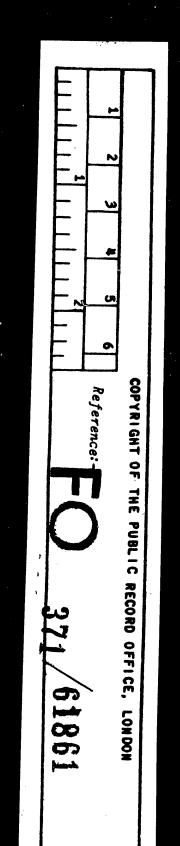


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Vice-President :

9th December, 1947

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I wonder whether you could give me some official advice about a problem which has been put before me. It comes to me in a very roundabout way from the archimandrite antony in Palestine via Metropolitan Anastassy of Germany, and Archbishop Vitaly of the United States. It was brought before me in a personal way by M. Alexis Tatistcheff, who was a member of the United Nations Commission on Palestine and is here with the State Department representatives for the Foreign Ministers' Conference. He is, as you may guess, Russian by origin, and when he was in Palestine he saw a good deal of Archimandrite Antony and became extremely interested in the state of the Russian mission there, Me members of which he rightly describes as being in a very low state.

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He has apparently conceived three plans:

1. To try to persuade the U.S.A. Government to act as a protector of the Russian Mission in Palestine 2. To start in America a Palestine fund which would support the Russian Mission in Palestine, and

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3. To try to arrange for new blood to be added to the Russian Mission, which suffers from the complaint that there have been practically no recruits for a large number of years and that most of its members are very old.

It was in connection with the third of these proposals that he came to see me, and he has the names of five or six Russian priests and monks who are Displaced Persons; and who wish to go to Palestine and join the Mission there. 1 promised that 1 would enuire whether the British authorities would be prepared to permit this, and if so on what conditions. I quite understand, of course, that the people in question would have to satisfy the authorities that they are suitable people, but in principle I should be very grateful if you could give me some guidance as to what action if any might be taken.

M. Tatistcheff is extremely anti-Moscow in his ecclesia stical outlook, and I explained to him that I could not be involved in any action which would appear to be hostile to the Russian Orthodox Church, but that I would certainly make enquiries as to the best approach with regard to these priests going. I can supply you with the names later if you wish to have them.

Yours very sincerely,

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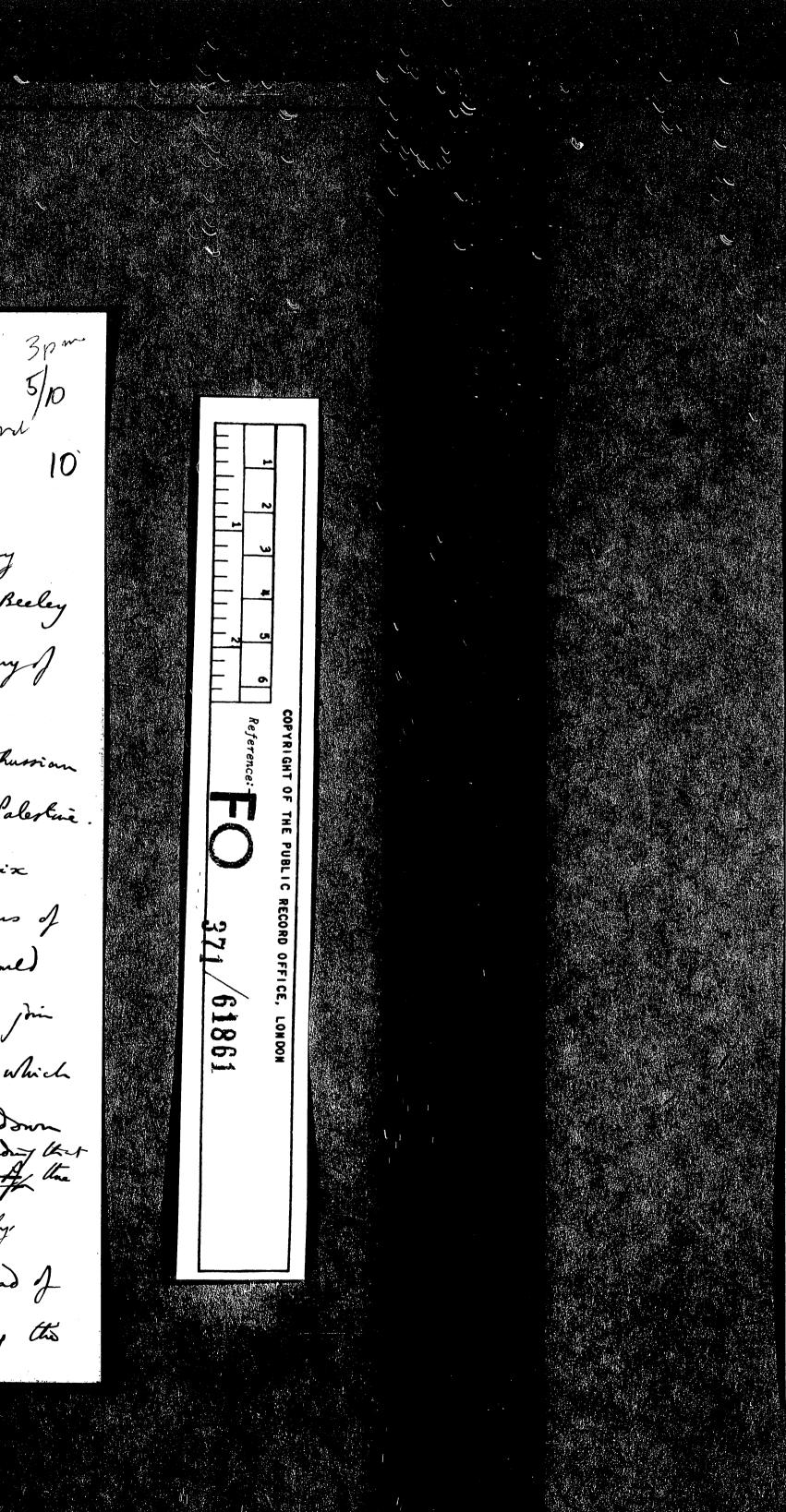
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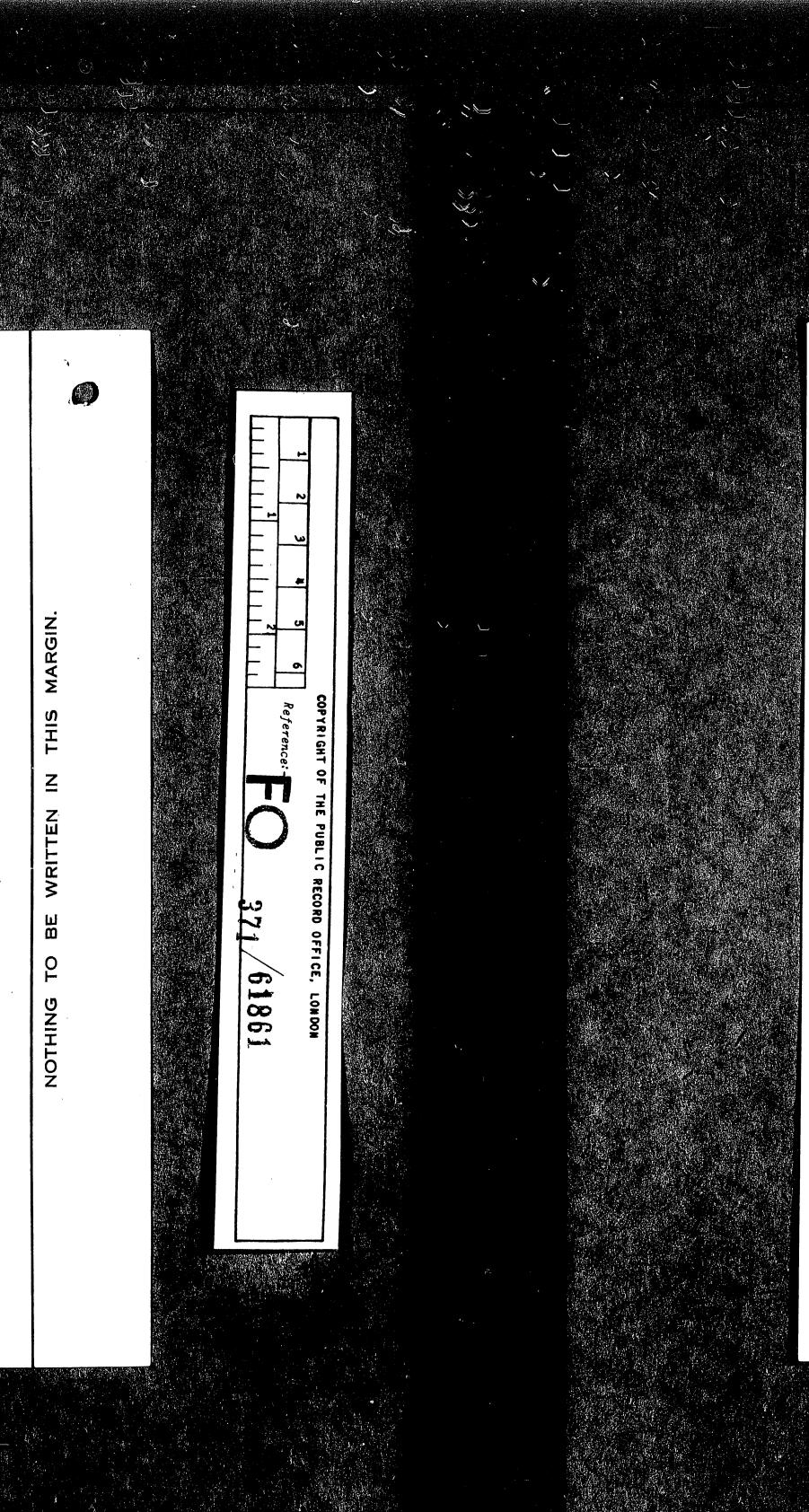
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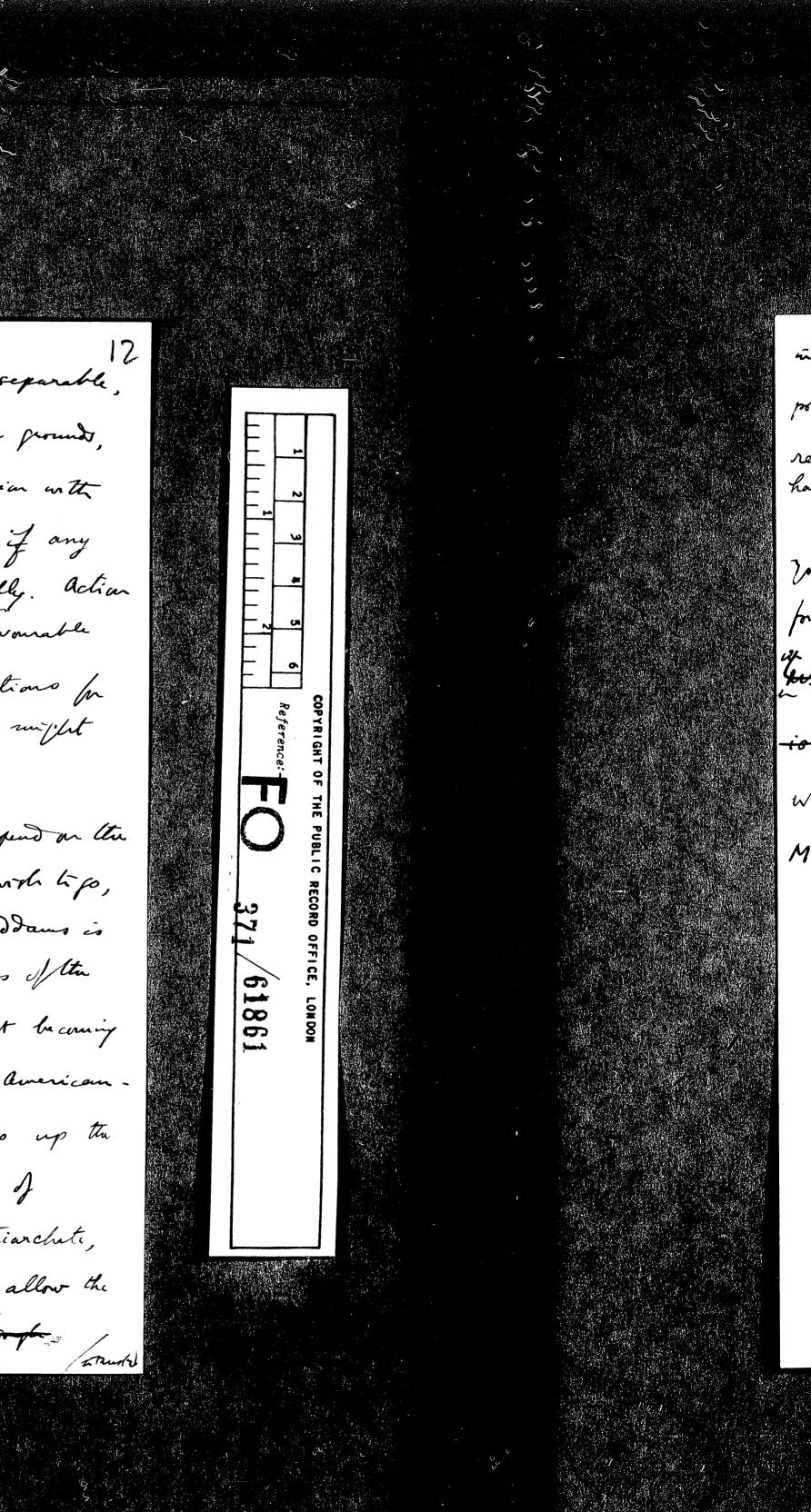
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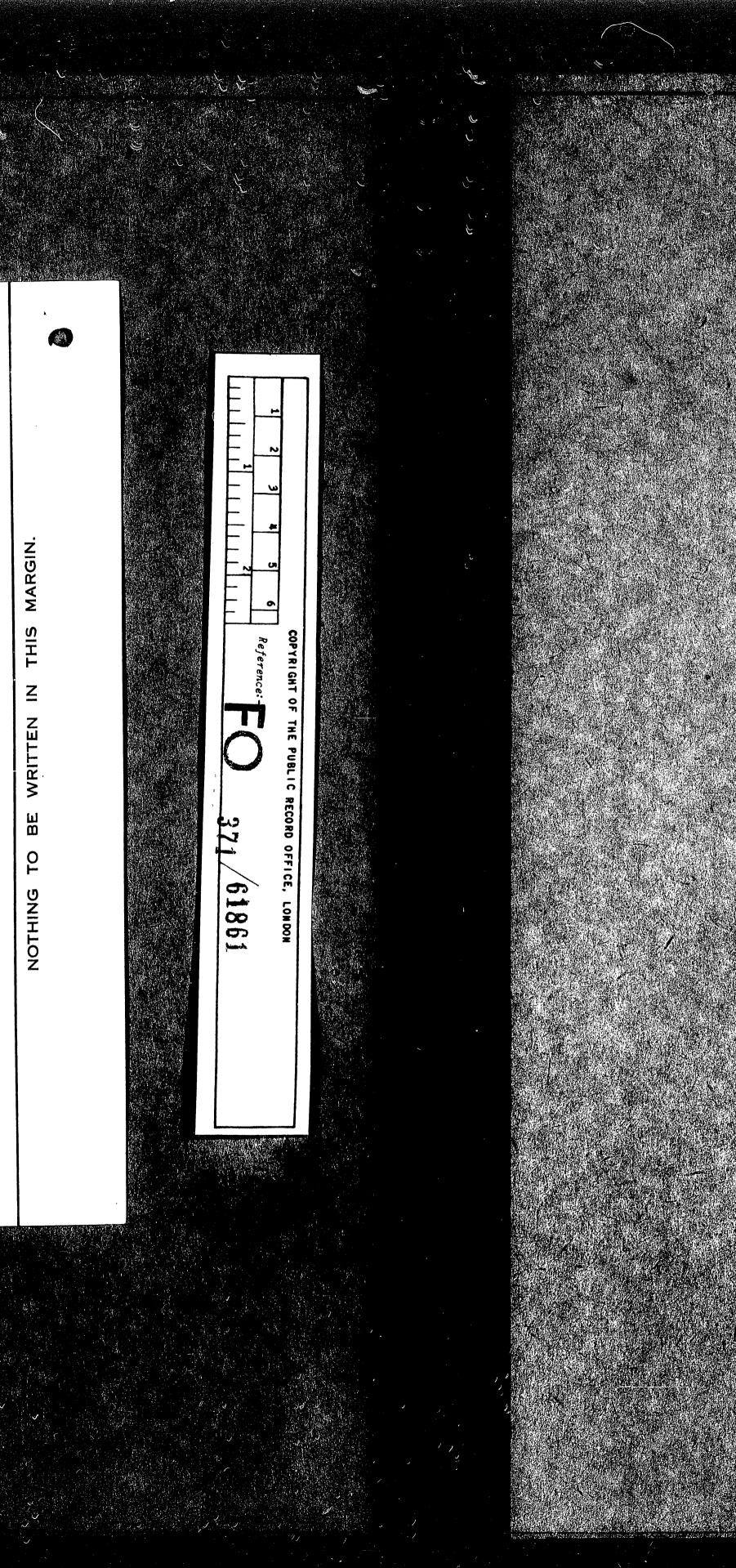


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and religious aspects as inseparable, and were to favour, on these ground, the strengthening of the Mission with anti-Muscoviter, we doubt if any initiative action should be taken Micially. Action in any case, we feel, should the comprised to giving foromable cunderation to such applications for admission to Palestine as might be autimited. Much would, no doubt, Depend on the type of cleric who would with topo, and we note that M2 Waddams is prepared to apply the names of the candidates in question. Without be coming sponsored scheme for bolstering up the Mission as an active centre of hostility opposition to the Moscow Patriarchete, it might be advantageous to allow the few suitable persons, may the



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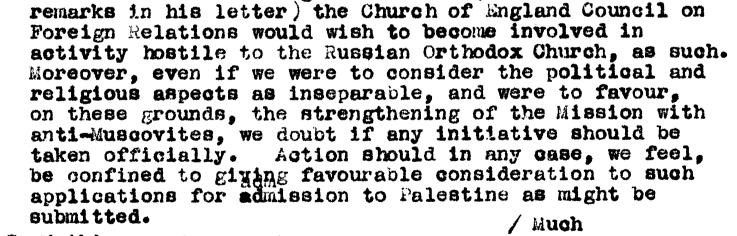
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Dear Mathieson,

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Harold Beeley by the Reverend H. Waddame, Secretary of Church of England Council on Foreign Relations, regarding the Russian Orthodox Mission in Palestine.

The suggestion that five or six Displaced Persons who are members of the Russian monastic clergy should be allowed to go to Palestine to join the Russian Mission is not one which we would be inclined to turn down out On the understanding that the Mission would of hand. be strengthened by elements likely to resist the spread of Soviet political influence among the Russians of Palestine, the idea would seem to have advantages; all the more so as Soviet diplomatic and consular officials have tended in recent years to take a sympathetic interest in the Russian monastic foundations in Jerusalem and on Mount Athos, in both of which places they have suffered not only from impoverishment and lack of new recruits but also from the veiled or open hostility of the Greek ecclesiastical authorities. On the other hand neither the Foreign Office nor (as Mr. Waddams



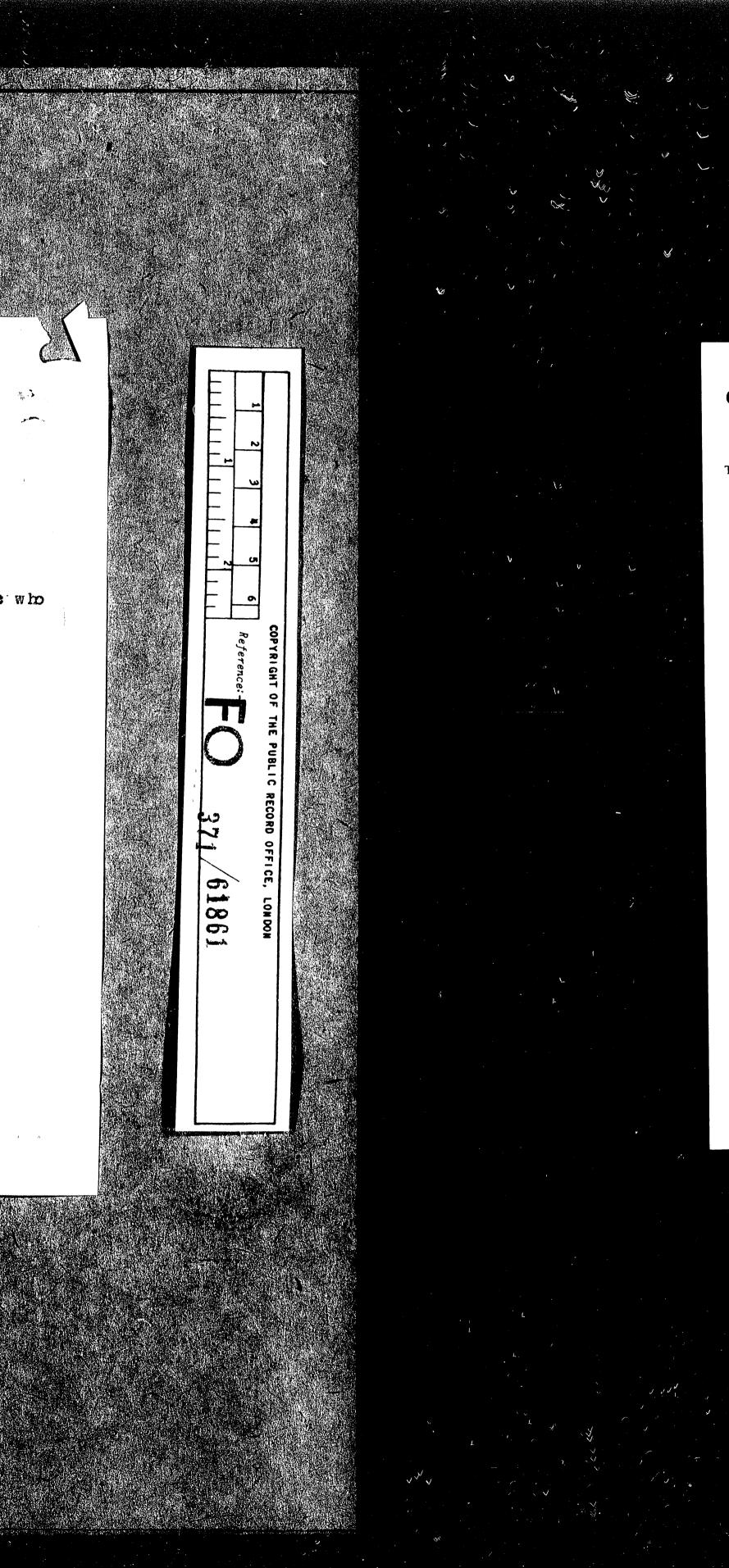
W.A.C. Mathieson, Esq., M.B.E., Colonial Office. Much would, no doubt, depend on the type of cleric who would wish to go, and we note that Mr. Waddams is prepared to supply the names of the candidates in question. Without becoming involved in any American-sponsored scheme for bolstering up the Mission as an active centre of hostility to the Moscow Patriarchate, if might be advantageous to allow the entry of a few suitable persons, sincerely interested in religion rather than in politics, who would offer passive resistance to Soviet <u>political</u> patronage. But they would have to be well vetted, and not welcomed merely on grounds of political outlook.

We should be grateful for your views on this question and for your advice as to what answer should be given to Mr. Waddams.

yours sincerely,

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Harold Bealey, Esq. Foreign Office, S.W.1.

